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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Clerk

ISAAC N. CENTER

Treasurer

ISAAC N. CENTER

Selectmen

SYLVESTER A. REID ARTHUR H. MORRILL
FRANK F. CORNING

Highway Agents

ARTHUR LEACH ANDREW McKEAN

Auditors

HERBERT C. LEACH FLORENCE C. CENTER

Supervisor of Check List

FREDERIC W. BARLOW RALPH LYNCH
ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

Tax Collector

JOHN A. REID

Constables

GEORGE L. BOURDON CLARENCE M. HAIGHT
JOHN A. REID CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Trustees

FRANK F. CORNING JOHN A. WILSON
ISAAC N. CENTER

Forest Fire Warden

ISAAC N. CENTER

Deputy Forest Fire Warden

HERBERT C. LEACH
JOHN A. REID
WALTER A. CROWELL
ANDREW McKEAN

Health Officer

HERBERT C. LEACH

Library Trustees

CORABEL B. GRIFFIN
ISAAC N. CENTER
ALVERTA B. BARLOW
REBECCA G. BLODGETT
JOHN A. REID .....
ETHEL M. HOPWOOD

Librarian

FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District

ISAAC N. CENTER

Treasurer School District

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

School Board

DOROTHY B. REID HERBERT C. LEACH
WALTER A. CROWELL

Auditors School District

FRANK F. CORNING FLORENCE C. CENTER

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, in the County of Hillsboro, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:
(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall, in said Town of Litchfield on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for permanent improvement and maintenance of highways in addition to what is required by law and take action in regard to state aid.

4. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for maintenance of State Aid Highways.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen through counsel to file a petition in our Superior Court at the May Term, 1929, asking for due authority for the Town of Litchfield, and the Trustees of the Charles Bancroft bequest, so-called, through such authorized agents as it may choose, to use and expend the said bequest to the Town of Litchfield under the will of Charles Bancroft "for the pur-

pose of building a bridge across the Merrimack River to be known as the "Bancroft Free Bridge," with its accumulation toward the building and completion of a macadam or other hard surfaced main highway from north to south through said Town of Litchfield upon the provision and understanding that said highway within the limits of Litchfield shall, when completed, be named the "Charles Bancroft Highway," or take any other action relating thereto.

6. If the Court shall duly authorize the said use and expenditure of said bequest, — to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the moneys of said bequest for said purpose, and also vote to authorize the Selectmen or other agents duly chosen to make all necessary contracts and to do all other things necessary and proper to cause said highway to be built and completed at the earliest possible time, or take any other action relating thereto, and

7. To see if the Town will vote to name said highway within the limits of said Litchfield the "Charles Bancroft Highway," and to instruct the Selectmen or Highway Agents to cause appropriate signs showing said name to be placed at convenient points along said highway, to the end that said highway so constructed and completed may be a suitable memorial to said Charles Bancroft,- or take any action relating thereto.

8. To see what action the Town will take relative to House Joint Resolution No. 37.

"That the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for the year 1929 and a like sum for the year 1930 be and hereby are appropriated for the continuance of the improvement of the River Road in the Town of Litchfield, leading from Manchester to Hudson, providing that the Town of Litchfield appropriates twenty-five hundred dollars ($2500.00) for each of the two years. These sums to be xpended under the direction of the highway commissioner, and the Governor is

hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Public Library.

10. To see what action the Town will take in celebration of Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regards salaries of Supervisors and Auditors.

12. To see what sums of money the Town will raise or appropriate to fight the white pine blister rust, as called for by the Forestry Department.

13. To transsact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

SYLVESTER A. REID,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
FRANK F. CORNING,

Selectmen of Litchfield.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

SYLVESTER A. REID,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
FRANK F. CORNING,

Selectmen of Litchfield.

BUDGET

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers Salaries,	$ 450.00
Town Officers Expenses,	290.00
Election and Registration Expenses,	50.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall,	20.00
Police Department,	25.00
Fire Department,	50.00
Health Department,	25.00
State Aid Maintenance:	
State Contribution,	2,500.00
Town Contribution,	2,500.00
Town Maintenance,	586.50
Library,	37.50
Memorial Day,	30.00
Cemeteries,	100.00
Temporary Loans,	75.00
Long Term Notes,	300.00
State Aid Construction, State Contribution,	586.00
Town Contribution,	586.00
Gasoline and Oil,	75.00
Tax Sale,	75.00
To restore Trust Funds,	2,000.00
Damage by dogs,	300.00
State Tax,	1,077.80
County Tax,	837.45
School Tax,	5,644.29

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Valuation April 1st, 1928

Land and Buildings,	$339,788.00
Horses,	5,375.00
Mules,	45.00
Cows,	15,860.00
Other Neat Stock,	2,025.00
Sheep,	45.00
Fowls,	1,366.25
Portable Mills,	200.00
Wood and Lumber,	850.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks,	400.00
	15,000.00
Mills and Machinery,	7,600.00
Total Taxable Inventory,	$388,554.25

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Amount raised by Taxation,		$11,698.07
Poll Taxes,		272.00
Revenue from:		
Insurance Tax,	$ 37.50	
Railroad Tax,	87.89	
Saving Bank Tax,	492.93	
Interest and Dividends,	133.40	
Automobile Permits,	325.92	
Bank Stock Tax,	60.00	
		1,137.64
Total Amount of Taxes,		$13,107.71
Total Amount of Property Tax,		11,698.07
Polls, 136 at $2.00,		272.00

Rate per $100 — $3.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1928

State Tax,	$ 1,077.80
County Tax,	837.45
Town Highways,	603.00
State Aid Construction,	603.00
State Aid Maintenance,	2,500.00
Library,	37.50
Memorial Day,	30.00
Interest Highway Loan,	150.00
School District,	6,382.03
	$12,220.78

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	$ 615.83
Accounts due Town:	
Taxes not collected,	1,597.55
Taxes bought by Town,	132.48
Total Assets,	$2,345.86
Excess of Liabilities over Assets,	5,233.14
Grand Total,	$7,579.00

Liabilities

Outstanding Temporary Loans,	$2,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
State and Town Highway Notes, 1925, 26, 27,	4,000.00
Town Tractor Note 1927,	1,579.00
Total Liabilities,	$7,579.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Lot,	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment,	75.00
Library Building and Land,	22,000.00
Furniture and Equipment,	350.00
Fire Department and Equipment,	25.00
Highway Equipment,	2,414.00
School Building and Land,	10,200.00
Equipment,	1,000.00
	$41,064.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, January 31, 1928,	$ 1,216.99
Received from:	
Hillsborough County Paupers,	4.95
M. E. Center, mills tax land sale,	132.92
M. E. Center, Thompson and Sewery tax sale,	24.95
Mary Bell Center, P. McQuesten tax sale,	89.23
J. A. Reid, Coll., C. B. & E. Campbell tax interest,	92.24
J. A. Reid, Coll., 1927 Tax,	9.90
J. A. Reid, Coll., 1928 Tax,	10,372.52
J. A. Reid, Coll., 1927 Interest,	29.36
J. A. Reid, Coll., 1928 Interest,	7.85
J. A. Reid, Coll., National Bank Tax,	12.00
Manchester National Bank, Tax,	48.00
Trustees Town Trust Funds Loan,	3,000.00
State Treasurer, Insurance Tax,	37.50
State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	87.89
State Treasurer Savings Bank Tax,	492.93
Town Clerk, Motor Vehicle Permits,	325.92
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses,	97.80
S. A. Reid, Rent Town Hall,	2.00
State Treasurer, Int. and Div. Tax,	133.40
Total Receipts,	$17,198.45

Expenditures

Paid Selectmen's Orders,	$16,582.62
Balance on hand, January 31, 1929,	615.83
	$17,198.45

February 16, 1929

We have this day examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,
FLORENCE C. CENTER,

Auditors.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government

Town Officers Salaries

Clerk, Isaac N. Center,	$ 50.00
Treasurer, Isaac N. Center,	50.00
Motor Permits, 80,	20.50
Selectman, S. A. Reid,	100.00
Selectman, A. H. Morrill,	70.00
Selectman, F. F. Corning,	70.00
Collector of Taxes, J. A. Reid,	75.00
Auditor, H. C. Leach,	1.00
Auditor, F. C. Center,	1.00
	$437.50

Town Officers Expenses

The Phaneuf Press,	$ 78.00
Edwin C. Eastman Co., supplies,	10.38
John R. Spring, deeds,	3.00
S. A. Reid, stamps and cards,	4.77
S. A. Reid, telephone,	2.00
Andrew McKean, to Concord,	5.00
William A. Berry, bonds,	57.50
William Parker Co., bonds,	50.00
F. F. Corning, safe deposit box,	3.00
F. F. Corning, trustees expenses,	4.00
J. C. Wilson, trustees expenses,	4.00
I. N. Center, trustees expenses,	4.00
F. F. Corning, copy of Bancroft Mill,	1.00
J. A. Reid, expenses,	25.00
	$251.65

Election and Registration

Moderator, C. B. Campbell,	$ 9.00
Supervisor, F. W. Barlow,	12.00
Supervisor E. C. Morrill,	12.00
Supervisor, R. Lynch,	12.00
Ballot Clerk, G. L. Bourdon,	6.00
" " A. A. Bancroft,	4.00
" " F. C. Center,	6.00
" " C. Lynch,	2.00
" " J. A. Reid,	6.00
	$69.00

Town Hall

Cleaning hall, Mrs. G. B. Loring Hill,	$6.25
S. A. Reid, broom,	1.25
	$8.50

Police Department

C. B. Campbell, disposing of mad dog,	$5.00
J. A. Reid, tramps,	1.00
S. A. Reid, police badge,	1.25
	$7.25

Fire Department

Harry Cornell, Hudson,	$50.00

Town School District

E. C. Morrill, treasurer,	$6,382.03
E. C. Morrill, dog tax, 1925, 26, 27,	262.30
	$6,644.33

Town Highway

A. McKean,	$ 740.15
A. D. Leach,	1,229.30
	$1,969.45

Town Highway Snow Bill

A. McKean,	$24.00
A. D. Leach,	5.00
S. A. Reid,	4.80
W. R. Shepherd,	5.20
	$39.00

General Highway Expenses

A. McKean, road machine,	$ 11.40
A. McKean, wheels for road machine express, and trucking,	12.95
W. R. Peterson, road machine bolts,	2.05
Nashua Auto Co., Plow parts,	6.83
Austin-Western, road machine wheels,	48.75
Proctor Bros., railings,	41.78
North East Metal Co.,	27.05
F. A. Stockley, concrete pipe,	30.42
Nashua Auto Co., parts for Fordson,	24.30
Proctor Bros., plank,	20.16
Gasoline and Oil,	61.80
	$287.49

Memorial Day

H. C. Leach,	$30.00

Library

C. B. Griffin,	$37.50

Damage by Dogs

S. A. Reid, legal advice from John R. Spring, 1927,	$ 2.00
John R. Spring,	15.00
E. M. Mosar,	104.50
	$121.50

Abatements

Walter A. Rose,	$18.00
	12.60
	$30.60

Taxes Bought by Town

Philip McQuesten,	$ 45.00
James A. Hallis,	21.00
C. B. Campbell,	66.48
	$132.48

Interest

Highway Loan and Temporary Loan,	$353.95

Governmental Divisions

State Treasurer, State Tax,	$1,077.80
	837.45
	$1,915.25

Temporary Loan

F. F. Corning, Town Trustee,	$1,000.00

State Aid Maintenance

Scraping State Road, Cutting Bush, Filling in Washouts,	$ 485.90
H. M. Fosher,	2,711.27
	$3,197.17

	State	*Town*	*Total*
Balance 1927,	$ 284.59	$ 284.59	$ 569.18
Appropriation 1928,	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
Appropriation extra,	20.43	20.43	40.86
Total,	2,805.00	2,805.02	5,610.04
Expenditures,	2,805.02	2805.02	5,610.04

Expenditures

By Town,	$2,805.02
By State,	3,256.50

SYLVESTER A. REID,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
FRANK F. CORNING,
Selectmen.

February 16, 1929

We have examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,
FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Auditors.

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Andrew McKean, Agent,	$740.15
Andrew McKean,	$155.25
Arthur D. Leach,	120.00
E. O. Putnam, truck,	75.00
John Goffe,	6.40
G. W. Horne,	17.60
Gilbert Kirne,	16.00
W. Hare,	16.00
W. R. Shepherd,	14.40
William Annis, team,	43.20
George Bourdon, team,	43.20
I. D. Ford, team,	26.00
Robert Carney,	4.40
Loring Hill,	12.00
R. H. Campbell, team,	12.00
S. A. Reid,	5.60
Ralph Lynch,	3.60
F. L. Center, gravel,	4.60
Raymond Leach,	9.20
Henry Lund,	10.80
Eva McQuesten, gravel,	2.50
William Locke,	5.60
Orwin Connell,	6.40
J. Lebrecque,	32.00
F. W. Barlow's, man,	4.20
J. A. Reid, truck,	36.00
J. A. Reid,	16.60
Walter Bishop,	17.60
Wilfred Bilodeau,	9.60
Peter Bilodeau,	14.40
	$740.15

Arthur D. Leach, Agent,	$1,229.30
Andrew McKean,	110.00
Arthur Leach,	155.00
E. O. Putnam, truck,	191.00
Eva McQuesten, gravel,	55.80
Amos Saunders, team,	7.20
Loring Hill,	9.60
Peter Bilodeau, team,	28.80
William Locke,	11.40
G. W. Horne, team,	29.80
Claude Hopwood,	4.00
G. W. Smyth,	5.70
Fred McQuesten, team,	19.20
Frank Bancroft, team,	14.40
William Annis, team,	21.60
I. D. Ford, team,	28.80
J. A. Reid, truck,	191.00
J. A. Reid,	66.40
J. Lebrecque,	79.20
Walter Bishop,	72.00
Clinton Leach,	30.00
Orwin Connell,	43.60
Gilbert Kirne,	9.60
Henry Lund,	3.20
William Locke, gravel,	8.40
E. W. Hare,	12.80
George Bourdon, team,	14.40
W. R. Shepherd,	6.40
	$1,229.30

February 16, 1929

We have examined the foregoing report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH, FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

CHARLES BANCROFT BRIDGE FUND

January 31, 1929

January 1, 1928, balance in Amoskeag Savings Bank,	$ 9,771.91	
Interest on deposit,	431.74	
Interest on School Note,	140.00	
Interest on Highway Notes,	200.00	
Interest on Tractor Note,	78.95	
Interest on Temporary Loan,	75.00	
		$ 7,697.60
July 19, withdrawn Temporary Loan,	3,000.00	
	$10,697.60	
January 31, payment on Temporary Loan,	1,000.00	
		$ 8,697.60
January 31, 1928, balance in Manchester Savings Bank,	A$ 9,974.13	
Interest on deposit,	454.45	
		$10,428.58
		$19,126.18

Assets

Town of Litchfield, School,	$2,800.00

Town of Litchfield, Highway, Note 1925,	1,000.00	
Town of Litchfield, Highway Highway Note 1926,	1,500.00	
Town of Litchfield, Tractor Note, 1927,	1,577.00	
Town of Litchfield, Highway Note, 1927,	1,500.00	
Town of Litchfield, Temporary Loan Note 1927,	2,000.00	
		$10,379.00
Total Bridge Fund,		$29,505.18

AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

January 31st, 1929

January 31, 1928, balance in Manchester Savings Bank,	$3,374.87	
Balance in National Bank,	370.31	
Dividends on Stocks,	1,100.50	
Interest on deposit,	132.42	
Interest on U. S. Bond,	2.14	
		$4,980.24
January 31, 1929 Expenditures:		
Library Maintenance,	$829.13	
Three Shares American I & T Stock,	310.40	
		$1,139.53
		$3,840.71

Assets:		
Estimate value of stocks,	$12,625.48	
First Liberty U. S. Bond,	100.00	
		$12,725.48
Total, Cutler Library Fund,		$16,566.19

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1929

January 31, 1928, balance in Manchester Savings Bank,	$ 608.37	
July 1, 1928, interest,	28.83	
Total Kennard Fund,		$637.20

CHARLES G. PARKER CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1929

January 31, 1928, balance in Manchester Savings Bank,	$93.00	
July 1, 1928, interest,	2.09	
Total Parker Fund,		$95.09

JOHN A. WILSON,
FRANK F. CORNING,
ISAAC N. CENTER,
Trustees of Town Trust Funds.
Town of Litchfield.

February 16, 1929.

We have this day examined the bank books and vouchers and the foregoing reports and find them correct and properly vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,
FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Auditors.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF AARON CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1928,	$ 56.48	
March 17 1928, Paid Clarence W. Haight, repairing and painting setting glass,		$ 9.13
April 20, paid F. E. Cole, Nashua, for labels for books, rebinding ten books,		7.75
April 20, Paid Philip Morris, books,		20.76
April 20, G. N. Andrews, insurance on books,		6.00
May 9, Received from Cutler Funds,	300.00	
May 9, Paid Public Service Co., lights,		2.82
May 16, Paid Henry Lund for building coal bin,		5.00
May 16, Paid City Coal Co., Nashua, coal,		45.00
May 16, Paid John B. Varick Co., implements,		4.10
May 22, Stamps,		1.00
May 25, Public Service Co., lights,		1.32
June 4, W. R. Peterson Co., Nashua, Andirons,		34.54
June 7, Proctor Bros. Co., lumber for coal bin,		5.79
June 15, Transferred from Amoskeag Bank gift of Harry Waikens, of 25.00, with interest,	30.74	
June 29, Public Service Co., lights,		1.32
July 3, Framing Library Rules,		1.00
July 9, Claude J. Hopwood, janitor, Extra service and grinding lawn mower,		66.50
July 9, Florence C. Center, salary,		38.30
July 9, J. A. Reid, wood,		6.00
July 9, Fred McQuesten, labor,		8.50

August 3, Public Service Co., lights,		1.28
August 30, Public Service Co., lights,		1.28
August 30, Framing picture of soldiers and wire,		.60
September 29, Public Service Co., lights,		1.28
October 9, Florence C. Center, salary,		38.30
October 13, Clarence W. Haight, on account for work at Library,		40.00
October 22, Received from Cutler Fund,	300.00	
October 24, Paid Clarence W. Haight, balance of account,		20.54
October 24, To Claude J. Hopwood, janitor,		45.00
October 24, Philip Morris, books,		31.40
October 30, Public Service Co., lights,		1.54
November 10, To James D. Cash, establishing grade for surface drain,		8.00
November 10, Paid Henry F. Lund, labor on drain,		50.00
November 21, Paid William Locke, labor,		22.75
November 21, Paid G. W. Horne, labor,		4.00
November 21, Gilbert Keine, labor,		3.00
November 27, Public Service Co., lights,		1.54
December 26, Received of W. A. Crowell, for 4 pieces drain pipe,	1.76	
December 29, Public Service Co., lights,		1.76
January 7, 1929, Florence C. Center, salary,		38.85
January 7, 1929 Claude J. Hopwood, janitor,		45.00
January 7, Received of F. G. Center for three books,	3.60	
January 7, Paid J. A. Reid, wood,		24.00
January 17, Received from Town,	37.50	
January 21, Paid Philip Morris Co., books,		34.88
January 28, Public Service Co., lights,		1.80

January 30, John B. Varick Co., coal hod and scrapes,		1.71
February 2, Received for Library fines,	3.01	
February 14, Received from Cutler Fund,	75.30	
February 14, Paid J. A. Reid, for drain pipes for Library,		75.50
Total expenditures,		$758.64
Total receipts,	$808.39	
		$758.64
Cash on hand February 15, 1929,	$ 49.75	

Respectfully submitted,

CORABEL B. GRIFFIN,

President and Treasurer.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Trustees of the Aaron Cutler Memorial Library, submit the following report, this being the 36th annual report of the Litchfield Public Library.

At the annual meeting held April 7, 1928, Mrs. Corabel B. Griffin was re-elected president and treasurer, J. Albert Reid vice-president, Mrs. Alverta B. Barlow, secretary, Miss Florence C. Center, librarian, and Claude J. Hopwood, janiter.

It was voted to continue distributing agents as in previous years, Mrs. Blodgett at the north end of the town and Miss Shepherd at the south end.

During the year a few minor repairs have been made on the building and a drain has been placed round the outside of the building which, it is hoped, will prevent further damage to the basement by water flowing in from outside.

The trustees, with the help of an outside committee are working on a pictorial history of Litchfield to be made in book form and preserved at the library. It is believed this will be of inestimable value in the future and the co-operation of the whole town is needed in order to make this a complete success.

The term of office of Mrs. Alverta B. Barlow and Mrs. Rebecca G. Blodgett expires in March 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVERTA B. BARLOW,

Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

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Bailey, Carolyn S., All the Year Play-games,	J 2576
Bailey, Temple, Silver Slippers,	F 2626
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Canfield, Dorothy, Understood Betsey,	J 2622
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Cobbett, William, History of the Protestant Reformation,	N 2617
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Forbes, Esther, O Genteel Lady!	F 2611
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Gibbs, Philip, Middle of the Road,	F 2594
Gibbons, James, Faith of Our Fathers,	N 2618
Glaspell, Susan, Brook Evans	F 2599
Glass, Montague, Potash and Perlmutter,	L 2644
Grey, Zane, Nevada,	F 2577
Grey, Zane, Wild Horse Mesa,	F 2634

Grover, Edwin O., Nature Lover's Knapsack,	D 2632
Harris, Joel C., Told by Uncle Remus,	J 2635
Hart, Frances N., Bellamy Trial,	F 2585
Hill, Grace L., Witness,	F 2578
Horn, A. A., and Lewis, Ethelreda, Trader Horn,	T 2578
Lang, Andrew, Blue Fairy Book,	J 2633
Lehman, Rosamond, Dusty Answer,	F 2630
Lincoln, Joseph C., Silas Bradford's Boy,	F 2610
MacDonald, George Princess and the Goblin,	J 2647
Maltby, E. H., Mother's First Reader,	J 2607
Marchmont, Arthur W., Courier of Fortune,	F 2636
Meigs, Cornelia, Trade Winds,	J 2646
Miln, Louise J., In a Shantung Garden,	F 2561
Miln, Louise J., It Happened in Peking,	F 2602
Milne, A. A., Now We Are Six,	J 2642
Montgomery, L. M., Blue Castle,	F 2613
Morley, Christopher, I Know a Secret,	J 2627
Mundy, Talbot, Devil's Guard,	F 2590
N. H. Public Service Commission, Report 1927,	2648
Norris, Kathleen, Black Flemings,	F 2568
Norris, Kathleen, My Best Girl,	F 2567
Ollivant, A., Bob, Son of Battle,	F 2572
Pedler, Margaret, Red Ashes,	F 2612
Pendexter, Hugh, Old Misery,	F 2631
Perkins, Lucy F., Dutch Twins,	J 2563
Perkins, Lucy F., Japanese Twins,	J 2665
Perkins, Lucy F., Eskimo Twins,	J 2575
Pier, A. S., Boys of St. Timothy's,	J 2645
Pinkerton, Robert E., Test of Donald Norton,	F 2569
Rath, E. J., Brains of the Family,	F 2562
Rath, E. J., Good Indian,	F 2609
Rinehart, Mary R., Long Live the King,	F 2616
Rogers, Will, Letters of a Self-made Diplomat to his President,	L 2580
Rolvaag, O. E., Giants in the Earth,	F 2570

Ruck, Bertha, Clouded Pearl,	F 2577
Sandburg, Carl, Abraham Lincoln,	B 2581
Saunders, John Monk, Wings,	F 2591
Seitz, Don C., "Also Rans"	B 2601
Snedeker, Caroline D., Downright Dency,	J 2574
Sugimoto, Etsu, Daughter of the Samurai,	B 2601
Sugimoto, Etsu, With Taro and Hana in Japan,	J 2623
Terhune Alice, Bourder up at Em's,	F 2608
Terhune, Albert Payson, Wolf,	J 2615
Tracy, Louis, Albert Gate Mystery,	F 2639
Vance, Louis J., Day of Days,	F 2638
Van Dyke, Henry, Little Rivers,	L 2628
Van Dyne, S. S., Benson Murder Case,	F 2614
Wharton, Edith, Mother's Recompense,	F 2688
Widdemer, Margaret, Graven Image,	F 2595
Widdemer, Margaret, More than Wife,	F 2560
Wilder, Thornton, Bridge of San Luis Rey,	F 2587
Willsie, Honore, Devonshers,	F 2597
Willsie, Honore, Exile of the Lariat	F 2589
Winston Co., ed., Peter Rabbit Story Book,	J 2605
Wodehouse, P. G., Bill the Conqueror,	F 2366
Wodehouse, P. G., He Rather Enjoved It,	F 2586
Wodehouse, P. G., Sam in the Suburbs,	F 2596
Wodehouse, P. G., Small Bachelor,	F 2641
Wren, P. C., Beau Sabreur,	F 2564
Wright, A. M. R., "Old Ironsides"	F 2692

Resources

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year,	2,559
Number of bound volumes added by purchase,	79
Number of bound volumes added by gift,	9
Federal and State Documents added,	1
Total number of volumes at end of year,	2,648

Service

Number of volumes loaned to children,	323
Number of volumes loaned to adults,	1,055
Number of unbound magazines loaned,	237
Total circulation for current year,	1,615
Number of new borrowers during year,	10
Number of juvenile borrowers,	34
Number of adult borrowers,	53
Total number of active borrowers during year,	87
Distributing agencies located at dwellings at a distance from library,	2

Donations

Journals of Proceedings, National Grange,	Naumkeag Grange
Journals of Proceedings, N. H. State Grange,	Naumkeag Grange
Historical Address,	City of Concord, N. H.
History of Bedford,	Mr. George C. Goffe
Two volumes,	Mrs. W. W. Knee
Five volumes,	Mrs. Emma Parker
Handbook of the Outdoor,	Mr. Earle Amos Brooks
Magazines,	Mrs. Albert King
Better Homes and Gardens, 1928,	Mrs. M. J. S. Campbell
People's Home Journal, 1928,	Mrs. Ethel Hopwood
Harpers,	Mrs. M. A. Leach
Century,	Ladies' Social Circle
World's Work,	The G. F. C's
St. Nicholas,	The G. F. C's
Popular Science Monthly,	The G. F. C's
National Geographic,	Mrs. Alys Hazleton
Literary Digest,	Mrs. Edwin Hill
Screenland,	Miss L. D. Shepherd

Poultry Keeper,
N. H. Public Libraries,
Health,

Mr. G. B. L. Hill
State Library Commisssion
State Health Department

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER

Librarian.

February 16, 1928

We have examined the foregoing report and find it correctyl cast and properly vouched.

HERBERT C. LEACH,
FLORENCE C. CENTER,

Auditors.

School Superintendent's Report

To the School Board of Litchfield,

Greeting:

Herewith please accept my tenth annual report as superintendent of your schools. To this I have attached a report from your school nurse.

Membership

The membership of your schools on January 1st, last, was 47. With the exception of the school year 1925-26 this is larger than the average membership in any recent year, and it is double the membership of ten years ago. The school population of Litchfield is surely not decreasing.

Teachers

You were obliged this year to engage a new teacher for each school. I feel that you were very fortunate in your selection that each teacher is conscientious and skilful and that each is securing good results with a good degree of public confidence. I trust that this mutual confidence and understanding may continue, as frequent changes are dangerous to the welfare of the schools.

The Noon Lunch

You have tried the noon lunch under the present system for over a year, I hope that it has made a strong enough appeal to the parents that they will wish to make it a permanent institution. I believe that a discontinuance of it would be a step decidedly in the wrong direction.

Tests

I have caused to be given in grades I and II the Pinter-Cunningham intelligence tests. A graph of the scores received from about 200 pupils shows a close conformity with the curve of normal distribution. This is good evidence that the tests are indicative of the individual abilities and that they were skilfully given. This is the first time we have been able to secure results in these grades upon which we could place much reliance.

The scores are recorded on the permanent record cards for the guidance of the teachers in their work and for other school officials in matters of administration. Though these marks are guarded with professional secrecy, any parent may secure the score received by his child, and it should be very indicative to him of what he should expect from his child in the school. Individual differences in the ability of children to master school subjects always have and always will exist. It is not the function of any school to attempt to equalize the attainment of all the children, but rather to secure from all responses varying in extent in accordance with the individual differences in ability to learn. If the school is properly functioning, some children will receive double promotions while others are obliged to repeat, and such proceedure will have to continue until some other scheme has been devised.

The parent should be concerned only as to whether the child is making progress in proportion to his ability to master school subjects, whether that child is spending four years or eight in mastering the work of the first six grades. A thorough appreciation of this fact would eliminate many complaints, whether arising from a double promotion or a failure to promote at all.

Extra-territorial Disturbances

Twenty-two hundred of boys and girls are graduated

from New Hampshire high schools each year, and the number is constantly increasing. Nearly 2000 of these graduates each year wish to persue their studies farther, and it is blighting to the ambitions of the child, a disappointment to the parents, and an unmeasurable loss to the community whenever our higher institutions are unable to furnish the opportunities sought. The state has no more sacred obligation or greater privilege than the education of its children, nor has it any function so vital to the welfare and happiness of its people. It should be of the utmost concern of the people of New Hampshire to scrutinize carefully the operation of this function and to forestall any deleterious legislation, whether prompted by political motives, personal or local prejudices, or personal gain. There can be no doubt that bills prompted by such motives have frequently been introduced in our legislature, and that all the motives mentioned are responsible for bills now pending in that body.

The 8921 legislature went on record as opposed to any farther centralization of educational agencies, yet there is pending in the legislature an act, which if passed, by creating a state purchasing agent, would standardize the quality, kind, and extent of supplies used throughout the state, and would call foe a state wide adoption of all school books, bringing into our state all of the corruption, inefficiency, inconvenience, and school politics experienced by states where such a system is in vogue. Should the bill become a law, great injury would be done the schools in this town.

An administration bill was passed under a suspension of rules during the first few days of this session of the legislature, calling for the appropriation of $2,500 for securing expert opinion on whether there is, as charged in the bill, a duplication of effort and a consequent loss of money in the normal schools and the state university. This is a matter little understood by the public, either as to the reason for lengthning the training period at the normal schools, or the

extent to which the action of the State Board of Education transferred the training teachers for secondary schools, from our university to our normal schools. Suffice it for me to state that the Trustees of New Hampshire University and the State Board of Education, the two bodies in whose hands is placed the management of these institutions, and who from necessity have given these changes careful consideration, are in perfect accord in these matters. Besides this, the conditions complained of in the bill have resulted in the past two years in offering educational opportunities to a larger number of New Hampshire boys and girls and with quite a saving to the state and a much larger one to the parents of the youths. Any reactionary measure would prove an injury to secondary education in the state and would work a hardship for some of our boys and girls graduates.

I am including a mention of these matters in my report to you because the people have placed in your hands the mighty responsibilities attending the guardianship of the public schools.

STATISTICS

School Year 1927-1928

	Total Enrollment	*Average Membership*	*Percent Attendance*
Grades V-VIII,	21	19.5	92-2
Grades I-III,	27	27	95.1
Totals and Averages,	48	44.5	93.7

Roll of Graduates

Arnold Campbell, Marion Ford, Gertrude Wilson.

Roll of Pupils of Perfect Attendance

For year: Gilbert Kinne, Thelma Leach, Gertrude Wilson, Mildred Wilson.

For two terms: Glenn Leach, Eunice Mabry.

For one term: Alice Bochonok, Annie Alukonis, Waltine Alukonis, Alice Wilson, Frederick Goffe, Bronnis Lapin, Erdine Mabry, Ellen Leach, Daniel Lapin, Alice Morrill, Norman Pratt, Anna Colby, Stacia Lapin, Augustus Yannezenski, Kastanty Yennezenski.

Pupils Attending High School either at Nashua or Manchester.

David Campbell, Robert Carney, Nancy Crowell, Helen Ford, Lewis Goffe, Marguerite Leach, Harry Lund, Algenia Robinson, Grace Wilson, Arnold Campbell, Marion Ford, Gilbert Kinne, Margaret Bourdon.

Thanking the board for the many considerations shown me during the past year, this report is,

Respectfully submitted,

February 1, 1929.

LOUIS DeWITT RECORD,

Superintendent of Schools, Union No. 27.

School Nurses' Report

To the members of the School Board of Litchfield, I herewith tender my report as school nurse for the past year.

I am very glad to report that we have only a very small number of defective teeth, this year, a large number having received treatment, but, our number of defective tonsils remains high, very few having had treatment for them. I wish the parents could realize the danger to their children to allow these defective tonsils to remain untreated, dangers such as Tuberculosis, Heart Disease, and Rheumatism later in life. Almost every child in school that is underweight has defective tonsils and we have quite a large number of children that are 7% or more underweight. The other defects are very small in number.

The number of unvaccinated children remain high, very few of the younger children entering school being vaccinated. I hope, this can be corrected before another year.

Almost all the children have the hot lunch during the noon hour and it is a pleasure to see them seated at the tables enjoying the nourishing food. I am positive they are in a better condition and do better work the rest of the day after having a hot lunch.

The personal cleanliness of the children has improved greatly during the year in all the grades. Next year I hope, the tonsils will receive treatment and that we will be on our way toward a school one hundred percent physically, and I hope every parent will do their share in the future as they have in the past.

We have had very little sickness the past year, a slight disturbance from a skin disease that received care at once, thereby causing very little trouble.

I am adding a list containing the defects found and number receiving treatment or improvement shown.

Defects Found		*No treatment secured or improvement shown.*
Number examined,	44	
Number defective tonsils,	23	4
Number defective teeth,	18	14
Number defective vision,	6	2
Number defective breathing,	3	1
Number enlarged glands,	4	2
Number orthepedic defects,	1	1
Number Skin Disease,	3	3
Number 7% or more underweight,	13	3
Number Unvaccinated,	15	
Number home calls.	25	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIE MERRILL, R. N.

School Nurse.

Report of School Board

To the Citizens of Litchfield:

We hereby submit the following report.

It was necessary to have two new teachers for our school at the beginning of this year. We were fortunate in securing for principal, Miss Helen E. Pierce, of Nashua, a graduate of Keene Normal School, and a teacher of one year's experience; and Miss Charlotte Brown also of Nashua, a graduate of the three year course of the Lesley School of Boston.

The hot lunch feature which was inaugurated last year is being carried on this year, during the winter term. We consider ourselves particularly fortunate to have Mrs. Gladys Locke again this year to take charge of this work.

It is the aim of the board to keep the school building and grounds in as good condition as possible, and minor repairs and improvements have been made during the year.

A new teacher's desk has been procured for the grammar room, the old one, being unfit for further use.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. REID,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
WALTER A. CROWELL,

School Board of Litchfield.

SCHOOL TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand, July 1, 1927,	$ 66.08
Isaac N. Center, Treasurer,	5,496.21
Balance of Appropriation,	166.30
State Aid,	652.11
Cash from entertainment,	46.66
Isaac N. Center, Dog Licenses,	96.00
Dorothy B. Reid, Graduation Refund,	1.95
Sale of Car Tickets,	220.05
	$6,745.36

Expenditures

Manchester & Nashua St. Railway Tickets,	$ 900.00
Tuitions:	
City of Manchester,	325.12
City of Nashua,	727.79
Hudson School District,	396.00
Text Books,	21.82
Scholars Supplies,	74.05
Salaries:	
Jenny Estey, Teaching,	1,080.00
Christine Lundgren Teaching,	990.00
District Officers Salaries:	
Lizzie D. Shephard,	20.00
Dorothy Reid,	15.00
Herbert C. Leach,	15.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, Treasurer, Salary and Supplies,	11.15
Auditors,	
Florence Center,	2.00
Frank F. Corning,	2.00

Fuel:	
J. Albert Reid,	235.00
Lunch Supervisor, Gladys Locke,	46.66
Herbert C. Leach, Refund on Tickets,	40.00
Newell Carney, Janitor,	364.39
Newell Carney, Janitors Supplies,	16.33
Capita Tax,	138.00
L. D. Record, Telephone Expense,	.40
Public Service Co. of N. H., Lights,	24.56
Graduation Expense,	25.00
C. W. Haight, Painting,	89.80
H. W. Canfield,	
Superintendent Salary & Expense	57.00
Mrs. Merrill, Nurse,	36.70
J. Albert Reid, School Census,	5.00
Furnace Repairs,	44.70
Misc. Supplies,	17.30
Repairs and New Equipment,	22.25
G. Allen Putnam, Insurance,	175.00
G. Allen Putnam, Furnishings Insurance,	25.00
Lizzie D. Shephard, Interest,	50.00
Willie D. Shephard, Interest,	25.00
Trustees Town Trust Funds Interest,	140.00
Total Expenditures,	$6,158.02
Balance, June 30, 1928,	587.34

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH COLBY MORRILL,
District Treasurer.

Litchfield, N. H.
July 12, 1928

Audited and approved, July 12, 1928,
FRANK F. CORNING,
FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hillsborough, SS.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town on the sixteenth day of March next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

1. To choose moderator for ensuing year.

2. To choose clerk for ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of school board for ensuing three years.

4. To choose Treasurer for ensuing year.

5. To choose auditor for ensuing year.

6. To take any action in regard to hot lunches.

7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of school and school house.

8. To take any action in regard to school house debt.

9. To see if the district will raise the salaries of school officers.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

DOROTHY B. REID,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
WALTER A. CROWELL,

School Board of Litchfield.

A true copy — Attest:

DOROTHY B. REID,
HERBERT C. LEACH,
WALTER A. CROWELL,

School Board of Litchfield.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

Rupert D. Kimball of Nashua, N. H., and Helen S. Reid, of Litchfield, N. H., at Litchfield, N. H., by Rev. Paul E. Johnson, of Manchester, Mass. (Special license.)

BIRTHS

Priscilla Mae Lynch, daughter of Ralph .H, and Clara E. (Reid) Lynch, born May 26, 1927 at Manchester, N. H.

Barbara Jane Blodgett, daughter of Ernest P. and Rebecca (Grant) Blodgett, born April 21, 1928, at Manchester, N. H.

DEATHS

Marie Jacob, April 24, 1928, aged 71 years.

Hattie Gertrude Farley, July 11, 1928, aged 64 years, 11 months, 1 day.

I certify that the above is a true copy of record of Marriages, Births and Deaths, recorded in Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1928.

ISAAC N. CENTER,

Town Clerk.

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